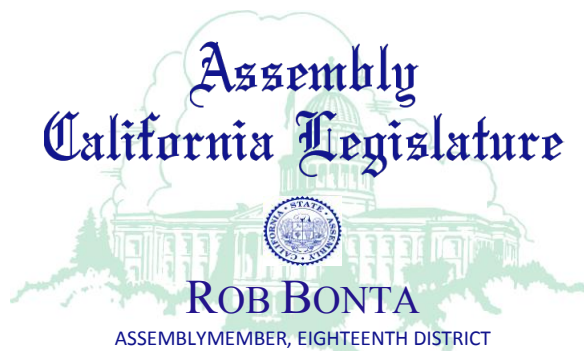


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May 30, 2013

Secretary of Transportation Ray H. LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in strong support of the City of Alameda, which in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District submitted a San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project TIGER Grant application to the Department of Transportation. The project will provide critical transportation improvements for the East Bay and the broader San Francisco Bay region, enhancing the livability of the area and providing positive opportunities for economic development.

Specifically, this project will repair and complete almost eight miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail, connecting hundreds of miles of existing Bay Trail and ultimately creating a 500-mile system. The five Bay Trail projects in this TIGER grant application include:

- Bay Farm Island Trail Resurface/Widen (City of Alameda)
- Clement Avenue Bikeway/Truck Route (City of Alameda)
- Gilman to Buchanan Bay Trail (Cities of Albany and Berkeley)
- Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Trail (City of Pinole)
- Shore Line Drive/Westline Drive Cycle Track (City of Alameda)

These projects will bring economic, safety, and health benefits to over one million community members along and near these sections of the regional trail. These "Green Transportation" corridors will create new options for bicycle commuters and will provide "last mile" access to buses, the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, and Amtrak and the Capitol Corridor commuter rail service, thereby reducing congestion, our dependence on fossil fuels, and health care costs.

We appreciate your consideration and hope the Department of Transportation will award Alameda's TIGER Grant application for the San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Bonta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Rob Bonta
Assemblymember, 18th District